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LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
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MEDICAL INSURANCE SCHEME FOR CONTRACT LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has a proposal to compensate the contract labourers, on retrenchment from job;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to bring the said labourers under the Medical Insurance Scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(f) the number of said labourers likely to be benefited therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): The workers employed as Contract Labourers are governed by the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 and the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Central Rules,1971.They are employed for a specific period under the contract and there is no proposal to compensate the contract labourers on retrenchment from job.

(b): Does not arise

(c) to (f): There is no new scheme under consideration for providing medical insurance to contract labourers.However,all the contract labourers working in establishments registered with ESI are covered under ESI Schemes.